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SIR:

Supplemental to the Request for Reconsideration filed July 14, 2008, Applicants file herewith a Declaration of Inventor, Mr. Akira Kinno. As indicated in the Declaration, Mr. Kinno, a person of ordinary skill in the art, has considered Callahan, et al. (U.S. Patent Publication Number 2002-0157023, hereinafter Callahan). Mr. Kinno, also considered the Office's understanding that Callahan does not require an intermediate step to be performed when performing a transaction transformation process.

In his Declaration, Mr. Kinno explains that the amendment filed December 26, 2007, characterizing at pages 16-18 thereof, that Callahan in fact requires the intermediate step. Moreover, Mr. Kinno declares that it is the annotation process and the creation of the intermediate file that allows Callahan to achieve its objective of providing an efficient and easy-to-configure network transaction. Moreover, Mr. Kinno declares that without having the intermediate step, Callahan would not be able to allow the "rule setter" to set rules in order to accomplish Callahan's goal.

Applicants respectfully request that the Office consider this declaration of a person of ordinary skill in the art, indicating that Callahan does in fact require an intermediate step. In light of this declaration, and recognition that Callahan does require the intermediate step, it is respectfully submitted that for the reasons provided in the amendment filed December 26, 2007 and the Request for Reconsideration filed July 14, 2008, that the present application is in a condition for formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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